हैं। ये स्वतन्त्र नदियां नहीं हैं बल्कि गंगा-ब्रह्मपुत्र-मेघना नदी प्रणाली का एक भाग है।

(ख) जी नहीं।

(ग) से (ङ) बंगला देश के विचारार्थ भारत ने प्रस्ताव किया है कि शुरूआत में तौर पर जल के बंटवारे के लिए गंगा, ब्रह्मपुत्र, तीस्ता और मेघना नामक चार वृहद नदियों पर साथ-साथ विचार किया जाए ताकि एक की जल की कमी को दूसरी नदियों के अभिशेष जल से पूरा किया जा सके।

1611.[*Transferred to the 14th May*, 1992]

Water logging and salinity problem in the country

1612. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country is losing annually about 17 million tonnes of grains valued at nearly Rs. 7,000 crores, due to water logging and soil salinity problems caused by faulty irrigation and drainage practices, as per the news item entitled, "Water-logging a great bane", which appeared in the Times of India, dated 10th April, 1992;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) the areas affected by water logging and soil salinity; what remedial steps Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) There has been a news item to this effect.

(b) and (c) A working group appointed by the Ministry of Water Resources has submitted a report in April, 1992. The extent of land affected by water-logging in the commands of Irrigation Projects indicated therein is 2.46 m.h.a.; and the land affected by salinity and alkalinity as 3.30 m.ha. In addition to the improved water management practices already advocated for the command areas, it has been proposed to undertake detailed survey and investigations of the chronically affected areas through the Central Water Commission's field organisation and prepare appropriate drainage projects for those areas for implementation commencing from the 8th Plan.

Implementation of cauvery water tribunal award

1613. SHRI M. VINCENT:

SHRI J. P. JAVALI:

SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Cauvery Water Tribunal has recently disallowed petition by Karnataka Government to review the award passed by the tribunal to release 205 TMC of water to Tamil Nadu;

(b) whether Karnataka Government have threatened to boycott the Cauvery Water Tribunal;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(d) what action Government have taken in the matter for early settlement of the water dispute?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) The Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal in their Order of April 3, 1992 observed that no interference is called for at this stage with their Order of 25-6-1991. They, however, clarified that in case there is any change of circumstance or undue hardship, in a particular year to any party, it will be open to such party to approach the Tribunal for appropriate orders.

(b) and (c) Central Government has not received any reference from Karnataka Government threatening to boycott the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal.